



## OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

### **(U) HORN OF AFRICA/GULF OF GUINEA/ SOUTHEAST ASIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report for 5 - 11 March 2015**

12 March 2015

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#### **1. (U) Horn of Africa Scope Note**

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Horn of Africa.

#### **2. (U) Horn of Africa - Piracy Events Over The Past Week**

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in East African waters is at a low level. There were no reported incidents during this one-week period.

##### **A. (U) Details:**

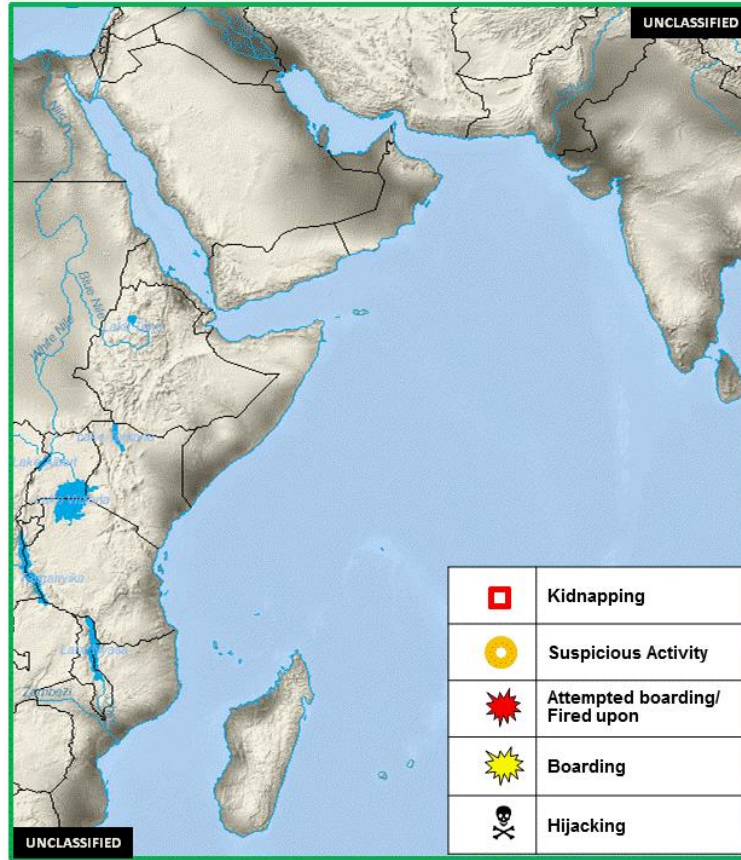
**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

## B. (U) Incident Disposition:



(U) Figure 1. HoA Maritime Crime Activity, 5 - 11 March 2015

## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Horn of Africa Activity

| UNCLASSIFIED  |           |           |           |           |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (U) Table 1.<br>(U) Summary of Horn of Africa Piracy Events |           |           |           |           |      |      |      |      |      |
| Vessels   | This Week | Last Week | Mar. 2015 | Feb. 2015 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Hijacked  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 7    | 27   |
| Boarding  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 17   |
| Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding                               | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0    | 2    | 9    | 24   | 122  |
| Total   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0    | 2    | 9    | 32   | 166  |
| UNCLASSIFIED  |           |           |           |           |      |      |      |      |      |

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked. Hijacked dhows are frequently used as motherships by pirates and released without a ransom being paid.

### 3. (U) Horn of Africa - Currently Hijacked Vessels

(U) Pirates are no longer holding any hijacked vessels off the coast of Somalia.

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| (U) Table 2.<br>(U) Currently Hijacked Vessels |      |      |               |
| Name   | Flag | Type | Hijacked Date |
| N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A           |
| UNCLASSIFIED                                   |      |      |               |

(U) Table 2 is a summary of ships currently held by pirates. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked.

### 4. (U) Weather Forecast for 12 - 18 March 2015 and Graphic Aids to 10-Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

#### (U) Horn of Africa Weather Forecast for 12 - 18 March 2015

**A. (U) NORTHERN ARABIAN SEA:** East-southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

**B. (U) GULF OF OMAN:** East-southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots with seas of 3 - 5 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with east-southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**C. (U) GULF OF ADEN:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the western section of the Gulf; with easterly winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the eastern section of the Gulf.

**D. (U) SOMALI COAST:** Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

**E. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN:** Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northeast winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

**F. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL:** Southerly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet in the northern Channel; with southeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 6 - 8 feet in the southern Channel. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the northern Channel; with easterly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern Channel.

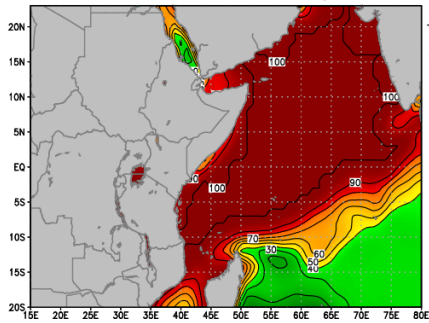
**G. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** The northern Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden currents are variable with most areas having average speed of 1 knot. The Mozambique Channel currents are variable having an average speed of 2 knots. Currents speeds along the Somali Basin are northeasterly averaging between 1 - 2 knots.

**H. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The Northeast Monsoon continues to influence the region, expect isolated rain showers and isolated ceilings over the western Gulf of Aden and western Yemen. High pressure over the Arabian Sea will provide favorable winds and seas.

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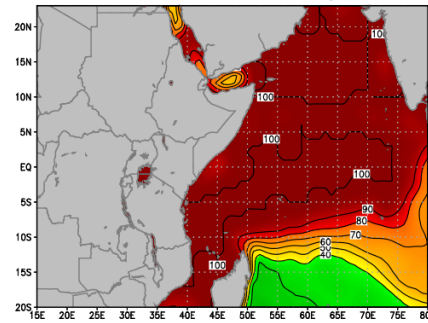
## 10-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast, DTG: 2015031000

Winds &lt; 15.0 kts and Wave Heights &lt; 5.0 ft



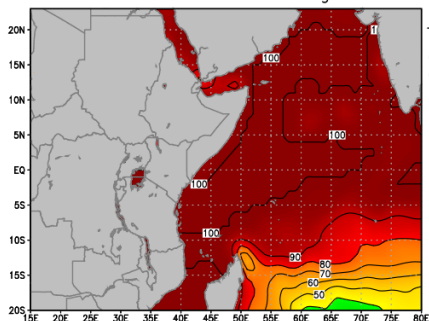
Valid Time: 1200Z 12 MAR 2015

Winds &lt; 15.0 kts and Wave Heights &lt; 5.0 ft



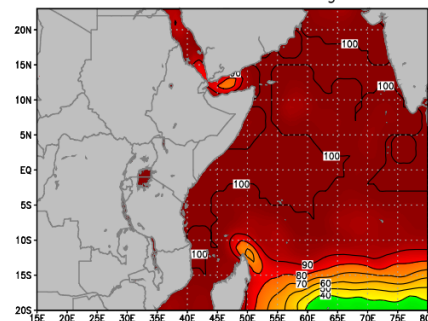
Valid Time: 0000Z 15 MAR 2015

Winds &lt; 17.0 kts and Wave Heights &lt; 7.0 ft



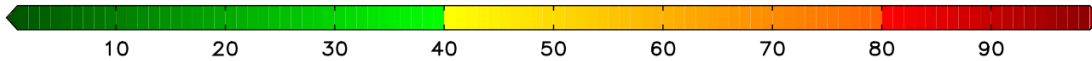
Valid Time: 1200Z 17 MAR 2015

Winds &lt; 17.0 kts and Wave Heights &lt; 7.0 ft



Valid Time: 0000Z 20 MAR 2015

probability (%)



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(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center, FNMOC)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity.

**5. (U) Gulf of Guinea Scope Note**

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Gulf of Guinea.

**6. (U) Gulf of Guinea - Piracy Events Over The Past Week**

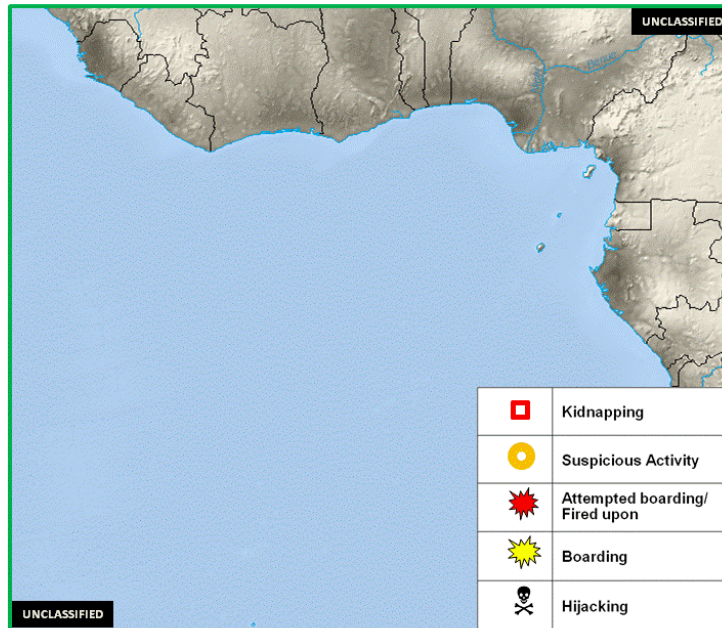
(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in West African waters is at a low level.

**A. (U) Details**(U) **Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.(U) **Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.(U) **Vessels Boarded:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

(U) **Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

#### B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 3. GoG Maritime Crime Activity, 5 - 11 March 2015

#### C. (U) Tabulated Data for Gulf of Guinea Activity

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (U) Table 3.<br>(U) Summary of Gulf of Guinea Piracy Events |           |           |           |           |      |      |      |      |      |
| Vessels   | This Week | Last Week | Mar. 2015 | Feb. 2015 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Hijacked  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2    | 9    | 11   | 14   | 19   |
| Boarding  | 0         | 2         | 2         | 1         | 6    | 33   | 26   | 31   | 41   |
| Fired Upon/Attempted Boarding                               | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 3    | 31   | 43   | 30   | 26   |
| Kidnapping  | 1         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 5    | 26   | 32   | 14   | 18   |
| Total   | 1         | 2         | 3         | 5         | 16   | 99   | 112  | 89   | 104  |
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(U) Table 3 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.



## 7. Currently Hijacked Vessels

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| (U) Table 4.<br>(U) Currently Hijacked Vessels |      |      |               |
| Name   | Flag | Type | Hijacked Date |
| N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A           |
| UNCLASSIFIED                                   |      |      |               |

(U) Table 4 is a summary of ships currently held by pirates. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked.

## 8. (U) Gulf of Guinea Weather Forecast for 12 - 18 March 2015

**A. (U) GULF OF GUINEA:** Southeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 3 - 5 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Southerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet.

**B. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** Expect partly to mostly cloudy conditions for the Gulf of Guinea with associated rain showers.

## 9. (U) Southeast Asia Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report includes a review of recent piracy and maritime crime incidents and an outlook on threats in the Southeast Asia.

## 10. (U) Southeast Asia - Piracy Events Over The Past Week

(U) Pirate and maritime crime activity in Southeast Asia waters is at a low level. There was one reported boarding event.

### A. (U) Details

**(U) Vessels Hijacked:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Kidnapping:** No incidents to report.

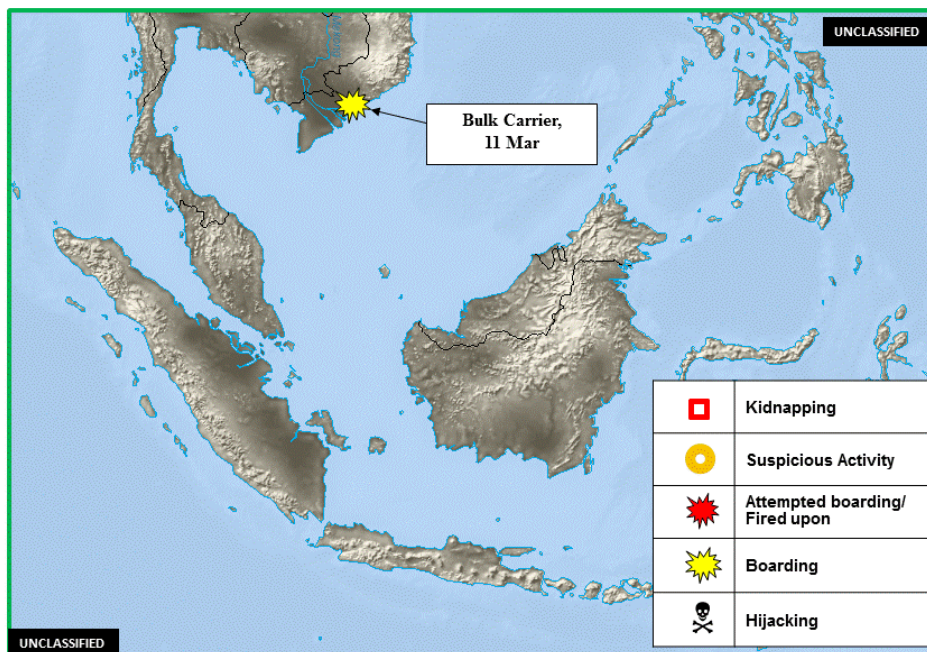
**(U) Vessels Boarded:**

1. (U) VIETNAM: On 11 March, duty crewman onboard a bulk carrier anchored near position 10:15 N – 107:02 E, Vung Tau Anchorage, noticed robbers on deck. He informed the duty officer who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. The robbers managed to steal ship's stores and escape. No injury to crew. (IMB)

**(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings:** No incidents to report.

**(U) Other Activity:** No incidents to report.

## B. (U) Incident Disposition



(U) Figure 4. Southeast Asia Maritime Crime Activity, 5 - 11 March 2015

## C. (U) Tabulated Data for Southeast Asia Activity

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| (U) Table 5.<br>(U) Summary of Southeast Asia Piracy Events |           |           |           |           |      |      |      |      |      |
| Vessels   | This Week | Last Week | Mar. 2015 | Feb. 2015 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Attacks, Boardings, Kidnappings                             | 1         | 1         | 1         | 13        | 33   | 184  | 176  | 123  | 155  |
| Hijackings  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 4    | 16   | 7    | 6    | 24   |
| Total   | 1         | 1         | 1         | 15        | 37   | 200  | 183  | 129  | 179  |
| UNCLASSIFIED  |           |           |           |           |      |      |      |      |      |

(U) Table 5 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

## 11. (U) Southeast Asia - Currently Hijacked Vessels

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|--|------|------|---------------|
| (U) Table 6.<br>(U) Currently Hijacked Vessels |      |      |               |
| Name   | Flag | Type | Hijacked Date |
| N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A           |
| UNCLASSIFIED                                   |      |      |               |

(U) Table 6 is a summary of ships currently held by pirates. Note: The above statistics do not include regional dhows/fishing vessels that were hijacked.

## 12. (U) Southeast Asia Weather Forecast for 12 - 18 March 2015

**A. (U) South China Sea:** Northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** East-northeast winds of 15 - 20 knots and seas of 4 - 6 feet.

**B. (U) Malacca Strait:** Variable winds of 3 - 5 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the southern Strait. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northerly winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet in the northern Strait; with northeast winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet in the southern Strait.

**C. (U) Andaman Sea:** Easterly winds of 10 - 15 knots and seas of 2 - 4 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** Northwest winds of 5 - 10 knots and seas of 1 - 3 feet.

**D. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS:** Currents in the South China Sea, Malacca Strait average speeds of 1 knot, while currents in the Andaman Sea average 1 to 2 knots.

**E. (U) SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION:** The Northeast Monsoon season influences the region. Expect increasing cloud conditions with rain showers and thunderstorms.

### (U) Appendix

#### (U) Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

#### (U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

- **(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- **(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- **(U) Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- **(U) Fired Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- **(U) Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- **(U) Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- **(U) Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- **(U) Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.



**(U) Piracy levels**

- **(U) High:** 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- **(U) Medium:** 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- **(U) Low:** 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.

**(U) Sourcing**

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

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- Associated Press (AP)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark
- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- Fairplay (FP), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- gCaptain
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- The Maritime Executive
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre – Gulf of Guinea (MTISC-GoG)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- NASDAQ.COM
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Oceanuslive.org (OCL)
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
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- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

**(U) ICOD:** 11 March 2015

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